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1. GENERAL.

This bulletin, issued by the Acting Commonwealth Statistician, (Mr. S. R. Carver) covers the operations of Part VII of the Social Services Consolidation Act, 1947, for the month of December, 1948, and the six months ended December, 1948. This information has been compiled from data made available by the Department of Social Services.

The Act provides for the payment of benefits to persons whose normal earnings have been interrupted through unemployment or temporary incapacity. It also provides another class of benefit - designated Special Benefit which gives assistance to persons on account of some special circumstances, and to those persons who cannot comply with the statutory requirements relating to unemployment or sickness benefit, and who are prevented from earning a livelihood and are in need.

The number of recipients of benefit does not embrace the total unemployment and sickness in the community. Unemployment or sickness of less than seven day's duration is not covered, owing to the provision in the Act of a "waiting period" of this length of time during which no benefit is payable. Permanent incapacity is not included as this is covered by the Invalid Section of the Social Services Consolidation Act, 1947. The application of a "means test" excludes another group from benefit. The inclusion of claims rejected - see Section 8 - completes the coverage of all persons applying for benefit, irrespective of whether their claims are approved or rejected.

The number of "persons on benefit" in this bulletin relates to principal beneficiaries who would normally be breadwinners. Dependents of such beneficiaries are not included.

The details given in Sections 4, 6 and 7 refer to admittances and exits notified during the period shown and not to admittances and exits which actually occurred during the period.

Due to delay in the receipt of information in respect of some beneficiaries the figures are preliminary and subject to revision. This applies particularly to exits, and results in persons on benefit at the end of the later months being overstated.

2. BENEFITS PAID.

The benefits paid in respect of each class of benefit in each State during December, 1948, and the six months ended December, 1948, are shown in the following table.

I. : AMOUNT OF BENEFITS PAID DURING DECEMBER, 1948 AND THE SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1948.

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| State         | Benefits paid during December, 1948 |               |               |               | Benefits paid during six Months ended December, 1948. |                |               |                |
|---------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---|----------------|---------------|----------------|
|               | Unemployment                        | Sickness      | Special       | Total         | Unemployment  | Sickness       | Special       | Total          |
| N.S.W. (a)    | 2,116                               | 24,476        | 6,625         | 33,217        | 12,690  | 163,324        | 19,027        | 195,041        |
| Victoria      | 130                                 | 15,227        | 2,850         | 18,207        | 1,609   | 101,911        | 14,828        | 118,348        |
| Queensland    | 4,777                               | 11,728        | 877           | 17,382        | 24,579  | 54,094         | 4,112         | 82,785         |
| S. Aust. (b)  | 2                                   | 5,445         | 239           | 5,686         | 431   | 41,276         | 1,943         | 43,650         |
| W. Australia  | 630                                 | 4,811         | 363           | 5,804         | 6,607   | 33,700         | 3,625         | 43,932         |
| Tasmania      | 144                                 | 2,351         | 211           | 2,706         | 1,884   | 21,071         | 1,805         | 24,760         |
| <b>TOTAL:</b> | <b>7,799</b>                        | <b>64,038</b> | <b>11,165</b> | <b>83,002</b> | <b>47,800</b>   | <b>415,376</b> | <b>45,340</b> | <b>508,516</b> |

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

3. SUMMARY - CLAIMS ADMITTED, EXITS, PERSONS ON BENEFIT

The following table shows, for the years 1945-46 to 1947-48, and for the months December, 1947 to December, 1948, the number of claims admitted and discontinued and persons remaining on benefit:-

II. CLAIMS ADMITTED, DISCONTINUANCES AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT - AUSTRALIA

|   | Unemployment |         | Sickness |         | Special |         | Total |         |         |         |
|---|--------------|---------|----------|---------|---------|---------|-------|---------|---------|---------|
|   | Males        | Females | Males    | Females | Males   | Females | Males | Females | Persons |         |
| CLAIMS ADMITTED                           |              |         |          |         |         |         |       |         |         |         |
| Year                                      | 1945-46 ..   | 65,455  | 12,289   | 33,178  | 6,724   | 242     | 200   | 98,875  | 19,213  | 118,088 |
|   | 1946-47 ..   | 73,379  | 5,199    | 45,024  | 11,002  | 1,271   | 335   | 119,674 | 16,536  | 136,210 |
|   | 1947-48 ..   | 27,275  | 1,387    | 53,947  | 15,539  | 3,998   | 1,328 | 85,220  | 18,254  | 103,474 |
| 1947 -                                    |              |         |          |         |         |         |       |         |         |         |
| December                                  | ..           | 1,794   | 53       | 3,116   | 974     | 830     | 157   | 5,740   | 1,184   | 6,924   |
| 1948 -                                    |              |         |          |         |         |         |       |         |         |         |
| January                                   | ..           | 3,600   | 99       | 4,417   | 1,197   | 166     | 49    | 8,183   | 1,345   | 9,528   |
| February                                  | ..           | 5,953   | 294      | 4,049   | 1,271   | 528     | 224   | 10,530  | 1,789   | 12,319  |
| March                                     | ..           | 3,446   | 297      | 3,843   | 1,144   | 147     | 214   | 7,436   | 1,655   | 9,091   |
| April                                     | ..           | 1,386   | 112      | 3,906   | 1,171   | 115     | 43    | 5,407   | 1,326   | 6,733   |
| May                                       | ..           | 1,005   | 69       | 5,300   | 1,543   | 1,434   | 263   | 7,739   | 1,875   | 9,614   |
| June                                      | ..           | 743     | 37       | 4,044   | 1,097   | 97      | 36    | 4,884   | 1,170   | 6,054   |
| July                                      | ..           | 799     | 69       | 6,595   | 1,774   | 848     | 265   | 8,242   | 2,108   | 10,350  |
| August                                    | ..           | 571     | 55       | 4,737   | 1,335   | 147     | 61    | 5,455   | 1,451   | 6,906   |
| September                                 | ..           | 542     | 60       | 4,500   | 1,214   | 722     | 159   | 5,764   | 1,433   | 7,197   |
| October (a)                               | ..           | 930     | 51       | 5,115   | 1,490   | 1,283   | 96    | 7,328   | 1,637   | 8,965   |
| November (a)                              | ..           | 959     | 60       | 3,895   | 1,145   | 2,025   | 425   | 6,879   | 1,630   | 8,509   |
| December (a) ..                           |              | 907     | 30       | 2,701   | 763     | 54      | 17    | 3,662   | 810     | 4,472   |
| DISCONTINUANCES.                          |              |         |          |         |         |         |       |         |         |         |
| Year                                      | 1945-46 ..   | 58,879  | 11,992   | 27,550  | 5,432   | 186     | 60    | 86,615  | 17,484  | 104,099 |
|   | 1946-47 ..   | 73,974  | 5,269    | 43,388  | 10,075  | 1,136   | 210   | 118,498 | 15,554  | 134,052 |
|   | 1947-48 ..   | 31,538  | 1,494    | 53,785  | 15,244  | 3,731   | 1,102 | 89,054  | 17,840  | 106,894 |
| 1947 -                                    |              |         |          |         |         |         |       |         |         |         |
| December                                  | ..           | 890     | 50       | 3,233   | 1,006   | 132     | 117   | 4,255   | 1,173   | 5,428   |
| 1948 -                                    |              |         |          |         |         |         |       |         |         |         |
| January                                   | ..           | 2,885   | 73       | 4,508   | 1,340   | 798     | 81    | 8,191   | 1,494   | 9,685   |
| February                                  | ..           | 4,176   | 194      | 3,821   | 1,081   | 447     | 39    | 8,444   | 1,314   | 9,758   |
| March                                     | ..           | 3,075   | 177      | 3,937   | 1,124   | 189     | 232   | 7,201   | 1,533   | 8,734   |
| April                                     | ..           | 4,585   | 308      | 3,856   | 1,126   | 155     | 206   | 8,596   | 1,640   | 10,236  |
| May                                       | ..           | 2,081   | 97       | 5,083   | 1,538   | 690     | 125   | 7,854   | 1,760   | 9,614   |
| June                                      | ..           | 971     | 57       | 4,034   | 1,151   | 649     | 99    | 5,654   | 1,307   | 6,961   |
| July                                      | ..           | 1,321   | 74       | 6,099   | 1,732   | 646     | 176   | 8,066   | 1,982   | 10,048  |
| August                                    | ..           | 625     | 52       | 4,554   | 1,272   | 448     | 143   | 5,627   | 1,467   | 7,094   |
| September                                 | ..           | 746     | 62       | 4,629   | 1,254   | 250     | 80    | 5,625   | 1,396   | 7,021   |
| October (a)                               | ..           | 694     | 69       | 5,365   | 1,545   | 1,402   | 157   | 7,461   | 1,771   | 9,232   |
| November (a)                              | ..           | 936     | 42       | 4,011   | 1,133   | 1,361   | 260   | 6,308   | 1,435   | 7,743   |
| December (a) ..                           |              | 452     | 46       | 2,936   | 828     | 1,124   | 201   | 4,512   | 1,075   | 5,587   |
| PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF EACH MONTHS. |              |         |          |         |         |         |       |         |         |         |
| 1946 - June                               | ..           | 6,576   | 297      | 5,628   | 1,292   | 56      | 140   | 12,260  | 1,729   | 13,989  |
| 1947 - June                               | ..           | 5,981   | 227      | 7,264   | 2,219   | 191     | 265   | 13,436  | 2,711   | 16,147  |
| December                                  | ..           | 3,358   | 118      | 7,106   | 2,451   | 899     | 444   | 11,363  | 3,013   | 14,376  |
| 1948 -                                    |              |         |          |         |         |         |       |         |         |         |
| January                                   | ..           | 4,073   | 144      | 7,015   | 2,308   | 267     | 412   | 11,355  | 2,864   | 14,219  |
| February                                  | ..           | 5,850   | 244      | 7,243   | 2,498   | 348     | 597   | 13,441  | 3,339   | 16,780  |
| March                                     | ..           | 6,221   | 364      | 7,149   | 2,518   | 306     | 579   | 13,676  | 3,461   | 17,137  |
| April                                     | ..           | 3,022   | 168      | 7,199   | 2,563   | 266     | 416   | 10,487  | 3,147   | 13,634  |
| May                                       | ..           | 1,946   | 140      | 7,416   | 2,568   | 1,010   | 556   | 10,372  | 3,264   | 13,636  |
| June                                      | ..           | 1,718   | 120      | 7,426   | 2,514   | 458     | 491   | 9,602   | 3,125   | 12,727  |
| July                                      | ..           | 1,196   | 115      | 7,922   | 2,556   | 660     | 580   | 9,778   | 3,251   | 13,029  |
| August                                    | ..           | 1,142   | 118      | 8,105   | 2,619   | 359     | 498   | 9,606   | 3,235   | 12,841  |
| September                                 | ..           | 938     | 116      | 7,976   | 2,579   | 831     | 577   | 9,745   | 3,272   | 13,017  |
| October (a)                               | ..           | 1,174   | 98       | 7,726   | 2,524   | 712     | 516   | 9,612   | 3,138   | 12,750  |
| November (a)                              | ..           | 1,197   | 116      | 7,610   | 2,536   | 1,376   | 681   | 10,183  | 3,333   | 13,516  |
| December (a) ..                           |              | 1,652   | 100      | 7,375   | 2,471   | 306     | 497   | 9,333   | 3,068   | 12,401  |

(a) Subject to Revision

#### 4. BENEFITS DISCONTINUED.

(1) Duration: The number of weeks during which benefit was paid for each of the cases of benefit whose discontinuance was notified during December, 1948, and the six months ended December, 1948, is shown in the following table:-

#### III. DURATION OF BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING DECEMBER, 1948 AND THE SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1948 - AUSTRALIA.

| Duration of Benefits | Persons        |          |         |       |                                 |          |         |        |
|----------------------|----------------|----------|---------|-------|---------------------------------|----------|---------|--------|
|                      | December, 1948 |          |         |       | Six Months ended December, 1948 |          |         |        |
|                      | Unemployment   | Sickness | Special | Total | Unemployment                    | Sickness | Special | Total  |
| <u>Weeks</u>         |                |          |         |       |                                 |          |         |        |
| Less than 1 ..       | 175            | 385      | 104     | 664   | 778                             | 3,400    | 417     | 4,595  |
| 1 and under 2 ..     | 217            | 686      | 880     | 1,783 | 1,055                           | 5,178    | 1,468   | 7,701  |
| 2 " " 3 ..           | 181            | 607      | 884     | 1,672 | 710                             | 4,651    | 1,799   | 7,160  |
| 3 " " 4 ..           | 119            | 611      | 316     | 1,046 | 490                             | 4,054    | 719     | 5,263  |
| 4 " " 5 ..           | 55             | 393      | 73      | 521   | 298                             | 2,983    | 392     | 3,673  |
| 5 " " 9 ..           | 90             | 964      | 70      | 1,124 | 689                             | 7,049    | 978     | 8,716  |
| 9 " " 13 ..          | 33             | 374      | 28      | 435   | 288                             | 3,187    | 185     | 3,660  |
| 13 " " 27 ..         | 44             | 450      | 20      | 514   | 497                             | 3,365    | 192     | 4,054  |
| 27 and over ..       | 28             | 205      | 16      | 249   | 314                             | 1,491    | 98      | 1,903  |
| TOTAL:               | 942            | 4,675    | 2,391   | 8,008 | 5,119                           | 35,358   | 6,248   | 46,725 |

The following table shows, for discontinuances notified during December, 1948 and the six months ended December, 1948, the percentage distribution according to specified durations of benefit:-

#### IV. BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING DECEMBER, 1948 AND THE SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1948 - PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION ACCORDING TO DURATION : AUSTRALIA

| Duration of Benefits | December, 1948 |          |         |       | Six months ended December, 1948 |          |         |       |
|----------------------|----------------|----------|---------|-------|---------------------------------|----------|---------|-------|
|                      | Unemployment   | Sickness | Special | Total | Unemployment                    | Sickness | Special | Total |
|                      | %              | %        | %       | %     | %                               | %        | %       | %     |
| <u>Weeks</u>         |                |          |         |       |                                 |          |         |       |
| 27 and over ..       | 2.98           | 4.39     | 0.67    | 3.11  | 6.13                            | 4.22     | 1.57    | 4.07  |
| 13 " " ..            | 7.66           | 14.02    | 1.50    | 9.53  | 15.84                           | 13.74    | 4.64    | 12.75 |
| 9 " " ..             | 11.16          | 22.02    | 2.67    | 14.96 | 21.47                           | 22.75    | 7.60    | 20.58 |
| 5 " " ..             | 20.72          | 42.64    | 5.60    | 29.00 | 34.93                           | 42.69    | 23.26   | 39.24 |
| 4 " " ..             | 26.56          | 51.05    | 8.65    | 35.51 | 40.75                           | 51.12    | 29.53   | 47.10 |
| 3 " " ..             | 39.21          | 64.10    | 21.87   | 48.56 | 50.33                           | 62.58    | 41.04   | 58.37 |
| 2 " " ..             | 58.34          | 77.09    | 58.84   | 69.44 | 64.18                           | 75.74    | 69.83   | 73.69 |
| 1 " " ..             | 81.40          | 91.76    | 95.65   | 91.71 | 84.80                           | 90.38    | 93.33   | 90.17 |
| Less than 1 ..       | 18.60          | 8.24     | 4.35    | 8.29  | 15.20                           | 9.62     | 6.67    | 9.83  |

(ii) Reasons for Cessation: The reason for terminating benefit whose discontinuance was notified during December, 1948, and the six months ended December, 1948, are shown below:-

#### V. REASONS FOR CESSION OF BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING DECEMBER, 1948 AND THE SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1948 : AUSTRALIA

| Reason for Cessation                              | December, 1948. |        |          |        | Six Months ended December 1948. |        |          |        |
|---|-----------------|--------|----------|--------|---------------------------------|--------|----------|--------|
|   | Unemployment    |        | Sickness |        | Unemployment                    |        | Sickness |        |
|   | Persons         | %      | Persons  | %      | Persons                         | %      | Persons  | %      |
| Employment secured or resumed ..                  | 536             | 56.90  | 2,543    | 54.40  | 2,961                           | 57.84  | 21,952   | 62.08  |
| Incapacity terminated ..                          | -               | -      | 1,293    | 27.66  | -                               | -      | 8,740    | 24.73  |
| Failure to report (a) ..                          | 323             | 34.29  | 388      | 8.30   | 1,611                           | 31.47  | 1,538    | 4.35   |
| Transfer to another benefit covered by the Act .. | 22              | 2.34   | 43       | 0.91   | 200                             | 3.91   | 231      | 0.66   |
| Statutory age limit (b) ..                        | 3               | 0.32   | 13       | 0.28   | 25                              | 0.49   | 70       | 0.20   |
| Permanent incapacity (c) ..                       | 18              | 1.90   | 177      | 3.79   | 87                              | 1.70   | 1,299    | 3.67   |
| Transfer to Rehabilitation Allowance ..           | -               | -      | -        | -      | -                               | -      | 18       | 0.05   |
| Death ..  | -               | -      | 78       | 1.67   | 5                               | 0.10   | 528      | 1.49   |
| Transfer to another district ..                   | 11              | 1.17   | 68       | 1.45   | 72                              | 1.40   | 450      | 1.27   |
| Other ..  | 29              | 3.08   | 72       | 1.54   | 158                             | 3.09   | 532      | 1.50   |
| TOTAL;  | 942             | 100.00 | 4,675    | 100.00 | 5,119                           | 100.00 | 35,358   | 100.00 |

(a) In most of these cases the beneficiary has resumed employment without advising the Department of Social Services. (b) Includes transfer to Age Pension. (c) Includes transfer to Invalid Pension.

5. PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF DECEMBER, 1948.

Total Persons (i) Proportion per 10,000 in employment: The proportion of persons on benefit at 25th December, 1948, to the estimated number of employees in employment was approximately 46 per 10,000 comprising 7 unemployment, 36 sickness and 3 special cases per 10,000.

The following table shows the proportion for males and females:-

VI. APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 25TH DECEMBER, 1948  
PER 10,000 WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT : AUSTRALIA.

| Sex     | Proportion            | Number on benefit per 10,000 in employment |          |         |  | Total |
|---------|-----------------------|--|----------|---------|--|-------|
|         |                       | Unemployment                               | Sickness | Special |  |       |
| Males   | Per 10,000 males ..   | 8  | 37       | 2       |  | 47    |
| Females | Per 10,000 females .. | 1  | 34       | 7       |  | 42    |
| Persons | Per 10,000 persons .. | 7  | 36       | 3       |  | 46    |

(ii) State Totals: The following table shows the number of persons in each State in receipt of benefit at 25th December, 1948:-

VII. NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 25TH DECEMBER, 1948 : STATES

| State                      | Unemployment |         | Sickness |         | Special |         | Total  |         |         |
|----------------------------|--------------|---------|----------|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------|---------|
|                            | Males        | Females | Males    | Females | Males   | Females | Males  | Females | Persons |
| N.S.W. (a) ..              | 273          | 37      | 2,683    | 844     | 119     | 173     | 3,075  | 1,054   | 4,129   |
| Victoria ..                | 27           | 1       | 1,946    | 761     | 93      | 128     | 2,066  | 890     | 2,956   |
| Queensland ..              | 1,205        | 58      | 1,215    | 346     | 52      | 71      | 2,472  | 475     | 2,947   |
| S. Aust. (b) ..            | 10           | 1       | 670      | 224     | 6       | 30      | 686    | 255     | 941     |
| W. Australia ..            | 106          | 2       | 541      | 194     | 25      | 42      | 672    | 238     | 910     |
| Tasmania ..                | 31           | 1       | 320      | 102     | 11      | 53      | 362    | 156     | 518     |
| Total 25th December, 1948: | 1,652        | 100     | 7,375    | 2,471   | 306     | 497     | 9,333  | 3,068   | 12,401  |
| Total 27th December, 1947: | 3,358        | 118     | 7,106    | 2,451   | 899     | 444     | 11,363 | 3,013   | 14,376  |

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

(iii) Ages: Distribution of persons on benefit at 25th December, 1948, according to age groups is shown in the following table:-

VIII. GROUPED AGE : PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 25TH DECEMBER, 1948 : AUSTRALIA.

| Grouped Age<br>(as at 31st December 1948) | Unemployment |            | Sickness     |              | Special    |            | Total        |              |               |
|---|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
|   | Males        | Females    | Males        | Females      | Males      | Females    | Males        | Females      | Persons       |
| 16 - 19 years                             | 54           | 24         | 437          | 543          | 12         | 31         | 503          | 598          | 1,101         |
| 20 - 24 years                             | 144          | 27         | 815          | 574          | 13         | 42         | 972          | 643          | 1,615         |
| 25 - 29 years                             | 159          | 11         | 641          | 268          | 30         | 40         | 830          | 319          | 1,149         |
| 30 - 34 years                             | 131          | 5          | 587          | 185          | 23         | 38         | 741          | 228          | 969           |
| 35 - 39 years                             | 146          | 8          | 616          | 199          | 19         | 60         | 781          | 267          | 1,048         |
| 40 - 44 years                             | 151          | 8          | 682          | 189          | 14         | 62         | 847          | 259          | 1,106         |
| 45 - 49 years                             | 168          | 9          | 809          | 232          | 12         | 96         | 989          | 337          | 1,326         |
| 50 - 54 years                             | 186          | 4          | 791          | 160          | 3          | 60         | 980          | 224          | 1,204         |
| 55 - 59 years                             | 228          | 4          | 1,007        | 117          | 8          | 54         | 1,243        | 175          | 1,418         |
| 60 years and over                         | 285          | -          | 990          | 4            | 172        | 14         | 1,447        | 18           | 1,465         |
| <b>TOTAL:</b>                             | <b>1,652</b> | <b>100</b> | <b>7,375</b> | <b>2,471</b> | <b>306</b> | <b>497</b> | <b>9,333</b> | <b>3,068</b> | <b>12,401</b> |

6. UNEMPLOYMENT - CLAIMS ADMITTED DURING DECEMBER, 1948 AND THE SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1948 AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 25TH DECEMBER, 1948.

(i) Cause of Unemployment: The following table analyses the reason for termination of employment, as stated by persons whose admission to benefit was notified during December, 1948, and the six months ended December, 1948, and by those who were on benefit at 25th December, 1948.

Discharges and lay-offs are separations on the initiative of the employer, the broad distinction being that a discharge is final and there is no likelihood of the person being re-engaged, at least in the near future. A lay-off is a separation of a temporary nature with the idea that the job will be available again for the employee as soon as circumstances permit. Quits are separations which are made by initiative of the employee.

IX. CAUSE OF UNEMPLOYMENT : CLAIMS ADMITTED ETC. DURING DECEMBER, 1948, AND THE SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1948 : AUSTRALIA.

| Cause of Unemployment                         | Admissions during - |              |                             |              | On benefit         |              |
|---|---------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|
|   | December 1948       |              | Six Months ended Dec., 1948 |              | 25th December 1948 |              |
|   | M                   | F            | M                           | F            | M                  | F            |
| Discharged or laid-off -                      |                     |              |                             |              |                    |              |
| Disciplinary reasons                          | ..                  | 72           | -                           | 92           | -                  | 74           |
| Inefficiency, including medical unfitness     | ..                  | 35           | 1                           | 253          | 13                 | 69           |
| Power rationing                               | ..                  | -            | -                           | 2            | -                  | 4            |
| Shortage of materials                         | ..                  | 101          | 5                           | 863          | 33                 | 74           |
| Strikes and lockouts                          | ..                  | 33           | -                           | 122          | 3                  | 83           |
| Seasonal work                                 | ..                  | 312          | 3                           | 731          | 4                  | 447          |
| Casual work                                   | ..                  | 109          | 3                           | 670          | 13                 | 214          |
| Other including inadequately defined          | ..                  | 152          | 12                          | 882          | 98                 | 312          |
| Quitted -                                     |                     |              |                             |              |                    |              |
| Medical infitness, work too heavy             | ..                  | 121          | 11                          | 674          | 113                | 255          |
| Other, including inadequately defined         | ..                  | 64           | 2                           | 315          | 34                 | 81           |
| Not previously employed -                     |                     |              |                             |              |                    |              |
| Employers, workers on own account             | ..                  | 12           | -                           | 76           | 2                  | 28           |
| Ex-service personnel not yet returned to work | ..                  | 3            | 1                           | 13           | 1                  | 5            |
| Other.  | ..                  | 2            | 1                           | 15           | 11                 | 6            |
| <b>TOTAL:</b>                                 |                     | <b>1,016</b> | <b>39</b>                   | <b>4,708</b> | <b>325</b>         | <b>1,652</b> |
|   |                     |              |                             |              |                    | 100          |

(ii) Industrial Groups: The following statement shows the distribution according to main industrial groups, of persons whose admission to benefit was notified during December, 1948, and the six months ended December, 1948, and of those on benefit at 25th December, 1948.

X. UNEMPLOYMENT - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC. DURING DECEMBER, 1948, AND THE SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1948 - AUSTRALIA.

| Industry in which last engaged                             | Admissions during - |              |                             |              | On benefit         |              |
|--|---------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|
|  | December, 1948      |              | Six months ended Dec., 1948 |              | 25th December 1948 |              |
|  | M                   | F            | M                           | F            | M                  | F            |
| Agricultural, Pastoral and dairying                        | ..                  | 133          | -                           | 428          | 1                  | 204          |
| Other Primary Production                                   | ..                  | 10           | -                           | 54           | -                  | 16           |
| Coal Mining  | ..                  | 103          | -                           | 161          | -                  | 125          |
| Other Mining and Quarrying                                 | ..                  | 11           | -                           | 64           | -                  | 23           |
| Factories and Industrial -                                 |                     |              |                             |              |                    |              |
| Foundry, engineering, metal working including shipbuilding | ..                  | 107          | 5                           | 979          | 18                 | 111          |
| Vehicles, including aircraft                               | ..                  | 10           | -                           | 78           | 1                  | 23           |
| Textiles and articles of dress                             | ..                  | 9            | 1                           | 49           | 33                 | 17           |
| Food, drink and tobacco                                    | ..                  | 262          | 5                           | 749          | 22                 | 412          |
| Furniture, woodwork, etc.                                  | ..                  | 18           | -                           | 105          | -                  | 32           |
| Other factories, including heat, light and power           | ..                  | 37           | 3                           | 191          | 12                 | 77           |
| Building and Construction                                  | ..                  | 103          | -                           | 592          | -                  | 177          |
| Transport and Communication                                | ..                  | 37           | -                           | 234          | 9                  | 107          |
| Commerce and Finance -                                     |                     |              |                             |              |                    |              |
| Wholesale and retail trade                                 | ..                  | 81           | 4                           | 455          | 55                 | 135          |
| Finance and Property                                       | ..                  | 9            | -                           | 34           | -                  | 13           |
| Public Administration and Professional                     | ..                  | 44           | 6                           | 254          | 38                 | 89           |
| Personal and Domestic Service                              | ..                  | 39           | 13                          | 254          | 122                | 80           |
| Other  | ..                  | 3            | 2                           | 27           | 14                 | 11           |
| <b>TOTAL:</b>  |                     | <b>1,016</b> | <b>39</b>                   | <b>4,708</b> | <b>325</b>         | <b>1,652</b> |
|  |                     |              |                             |              |                    | 100          |

(iii) Males on Benefit: Distribution by States of males in receipt of unemployment benefit at 25th December, 1948, in the main industrial groups, is shown in the following table:-

XI. UNEMPLOYMENT : INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - MALES ON BENEFIT AT 25TH DECEMBER, 1948.

S T A T E S .

| Industry in which last engaged                                 | N.S.W.<br>(a) | Vic. | Q'ld  | S.A.<br>(b) | W.A. | Tas. | Aust. |
|--|---------------|------|-------|-------------|------|------|-------|
| Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairying ..                         | 31            | 4    | 158   | -           | 6    | 5    | 204   |
| Other Primary Production ..                                    | -             | -    | 15    | -           | 1    | -    | 16    |
| Coal Mining ..   | 39            | -    | 84    | -           | -    | 2    | 125   |
| Other Mining and Quarrying ..                                  | 3             | -    | 13    | -           | 7    | -    | 23    |
| Factories and Industrial -                                     |               |      |       |             |      |      |       |
| Founding, Engineering, metal-working including shipbuilding .. | 57            | -    | 39    | 2           | 13   | -    | 111   |
| Vehicles, including Aircraft ..                                | 4             | -    | 14    | 2           | 1    | 2    | 23    |
| Textiles, and Articles of Dress ..                             | 3             | 1    | 9     | -           | 1    | 3    | 17    |
| Food, drink and tobacco ..                                     | 4             | 2    | 402   | -           | 2    | 2    | 412   |
| Furniture, woodwork, etc. ..                                   | 7             | -    | 20    | -           | 4    | 1    | 32    |
| Other factories, including heat, light and power ..            | 23            | 3    | 38    | 1           | 12   | -    | 77    |
| Building and Construction ..                                   | 30            | 5    | 126   | 2           | 10   | 4    | 177   |
| Transport and Communication ..                                 | 11            | 6    | 78    | 1           | 7    | 4    | 107   |
| Commerce and Finance -   |               |      |       |             |      |      |       |
| Wholesale and Retail Trade ..                                  | 28            | 1    | 87    | 2           | 13   | 4    | 135   |
| Finance and Property ..  | 3             | -    | 8     | -           | 2    | -    | 13    |
| Public Administration and Professional ..                      | 14            | 3    | 60    | -           | 11   | 1    | 89    |
| Personal and Domestic Service ..                               | 14            | 2    | 47    | -           | 15   | 2    | 80    |
| Other ..   | 2             | -    | 7     | -           | 1    | 1    | 11    |
| <u>TOTAL - 25th December, 1948:</u>                            | 273           | 27   | 1,205 | 10          | 106  | 31   | 1,652 |
| <u>TOTAL - 27th December, 1947:</u>                            | 582           | 121  | 2,168 | 44          | 415  | 28   | 3,358 |

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

(iv) Metropolitan and Other: Admissions to unemployment benefit notified during the six months ended December, 1948, and the persons on benefit at 25th December, 1948, are dissected into "Metropolitan" and "Other" Districts (based on the usual place of residence of the beneficiary) in the following table:-

XII. DISTRIBUTION OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFICIARIES BETWEEN METROPOLITAN, AND OTHER DISTRICTS (a) : STATES.

| S t a t e              | Claims admitted during the six months ended December, 1948 |     |       |     | On benefit at 25th December 1948 |    |       |    |
|------------------------|--|-----|-------|-----|----------------------------------|----|-------|----|
|                        | Metropolitan   |     | Other |     | Metropolitan                     |    | Other |    |
|                        | M  | F   | M     | F   | M                                | F  | M     | F  |
| New South Wales (b) .. | 166  | 9   | 1,271 | 85  | 70                               | 2  | 203   | 35 |
| Victoria ..            | 37   | 17  | 109   | 4   | 11                               | 1  | 16    | -  |
| Queensland ..          | 717  | 74  | 1,837 | 111 | 293                              | 27 | 912   | 31 |
| South Australia(c) ..  | 34   | 2   | 26    | -   | 7                                | 1  | 3     | -  |
| Western Australia ..   | 368  | 10  | 82    | 11  | 93                               | 2  | 13    | -  |
| Tasmania ..            | 37   | 1   | 24    | 1   | 18                               | -  | 13    | 1  |
| <u>TOTAL:</u>          | 1,359  | 113 | 3,349 | 212 | 492                              | 33 | 1,160 | 67 |

(a) Metropolitan comprises the regions administered from Capital City and Suburban district offices of the Department of Social Services or Labour and National Services (Employment Service). In N.S.W., Liverpool is included in "Other". In S.A., Port Adelaide, and in W.A., Fremantle and Midland Junction are included in "Metropolitan". (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory.

7. SICKNESS - CLAIMS ADMITTED DURING DECEMBER, 1948 AND THE SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1948 AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 25TH DECEMBER, 1948.

(i) Metropolitan and Other: Sickness benefit claims whose admission was notified during the six months ended December, 1948 and those current at 25th December 1948, are dissected into "Metropolitan" and "Other" districts (based on the usual place of residence of the beneficiary), in the following table:-

XIII. DISTRIBUTION OF SICKNESS BENEFICIARIES BETWEEN METROPOLITAN AND OTHER DISTRICTS (a) : STATES.

| State                  | Claims admitted during the six months ended Dec., 1948 |              |               |              | On benefit at 25th December, 1948 |              |              |            |
|------------------------|--|--------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------|
|                        | Metropolitan   |              | Other         |              | Metropolitan                      |              | Other        |            |
|                        | Males  | Females      | Males         | Females      | Males                             | Females      | Males        | Females    |
| New South Wales (b) .. | 6,098  | 2,210        | 4,146         | 768          | 1,551                             | 590          | 1,132        | 254        |
| Victoria ..            | 4,369  | 1,635        | 1,997         | 510          | 1,389                             | 590          | 557          | 171        |
| Queensland ..          | 2,120  | 615          | 2,256         | 389          | 657                               | 209          | 558          | 137        |
| South Australia(c) ..  | 2,400  | 626          | 432           | 58           | 579                               | 211          | 91           | 13         |
| Western Australia ..   | 1,631  | 498          | 949           | 147          | 369                               | 153          | 172          | 41         |
| Tasmania ..            | 561  | 130          | 584           | 135          | 166                               | 48           | 154          | 54         |
| <b>TOTAL:</b>          | <b>17,179</b>  | <b>5,714</b> | <b>10,364</b> | <b>2,007</b> | <b>4,711</b>                      | <b>1,801</b> | <b>2,664</b> | <b>670</b> |

(a) See footnote (a) to Table XIII.

(c) Includes Northern Territory.

(b) Includes Australian Capital Territory

(ii) Industrial Groups: The distribution according to main industrial groups of persons on sickness benefit at 25th December, 1948, is shown in the following table:-

XIV. SICKNESS INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 25TH DECEMBER, 1948.

AUSTRALIA

| Industry in which last engaged                                 | Males        | Females      | Persons      |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairying ..                         | 643          | 9            | 652          |
| Other Primary Production ..                                    | 169          | -            | 169          |
| Coal Mining ..   | 169          | -            | 169          |
| Other Mining and Quarrying ..                                  | 138          | 2            | 140          |
| Factories and Industrial -                                     |              |              |              |
| Founding, engineering, metal-working including shipbuilding .. | 1,010        | 101          | 1,111        |
| Vehicles, including aircraft ..                                | 353          | 10           | 363          |
| Textiles and articles of dress ..                              | 246          | 408          | 654          |
| Food, drink and tobacco ..                                     | 455          | 118          | 573          |
| Furniture, woodwork, etc. ..                                   | 298          | 12           | 310          |
| Other Factories, including heat, light and power ..            | 693          | 143          | 836          |
| Building and Construction ..                                   | 1,136        | 7            | 1,143        |
| Transport and Communication ..                                 | 708          | 59           | 767          |
| Commerce and Finance -   |              |              |              |
| Wholesale and retail trade ..                                  | 708          | 447          | 1,155        |
| Finance and Property ..  | 46           | 41           | 87           |
| Public Administration and Professional ..                      | 235          | 447          | 682          |
| Personal and Domestic Service ..                               | 337          | 662          | 999          |
| Other ..   | 31           | 5            | 36           |
| <b>TOTAL:</b>  | <b>7,375</b> | <b>2,471</b> | <b>9,846</b> |

(iii) Nature of Sickness: The following table shows the principal cause of sickness as stated on medical certificates of persons whose admission was notified during December, 1948, and the six months ended December, 1948, and of those on benefit at 25th December, 1948.

XV. NATURE OF SICKNESS : CLAIMS ADMITTED ETC. DURING DECEMBER, 1948 AND THE SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1948 : AUSTRALIA.

| Nature of Sickness   | Admissions during - |              |                            |              | On benefit         |              |
|--|---------------------|--------------|----------------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|
|  | December 1948       |              | Six months ended Dec. 1948 |              | 25th December 1948 |              |
|  | M.                  | F.           | M.                         | F.           | M.                 | F.           |
| Infective and Parasitic Diseases ..                                  | 192                 | 57           | 2,537                      | 710          | 359                | 164          |
| Cancer ..  | 32                  | 2            | 146                        | 28           | 70                 | 15           |
| Other Tumours ..   | 24                  | 24           | 230                        | 155          | 60                 | 62           |
| Rheumatism, Diseases of Nutrition and Vitamin-Deficiency Diseases .. | 213                 | 74           | 1,582                      | 476          | 551                | 229          |
| Diseases of -  |                     |              |                            |              |                    |              |
| Blood and Blood-forming Organs ..                                    | 11                  | 25           | 122                        | 127          | 42                 | 45           |
| Nervous System and Sense Organs ..                                   | 369                 | 143          | 2,404                      | 981          | 761                | 382          |
| Circulatory System ..  | 334                 | 60           | 2,297                      | 369          | 944                | 166          |
| Respiratory System ..  | 313                 | 58           | 3,148                      | 708          | 637                | 174          |
| Digestive System ..  | 910                 | 276          | 6,017                      | 1,642        | 1,415              | 363          |
| Genito-Urinary System ..   | 146                 | 81           | 1,020                      | 552          | 323                | 197          |
| Pregnancy, Childbirth, etc. ..                                       | -                   | 85           | -                          | 608          | -                  | 223          |
| Skin and Cellular Tissue ..  | 208                 | 37           | 1,395                      | 297          | 288                | 61           |
| Bones and Organs of Movement ..                                      | 83                  | 31           | 690                        | 201          | 205                | 92           |
| Other Diseases (including Ill-defined Conditions) ..                 | 62                  | 47           | 427                        | 271          | 106                | 103          |
| Injuries and Acute Poisoning -                                       |                     |              |                            |              |                    |              |
| Fractures ..   | 393                 | 48           | 2,779                      | 285          | 1,066              | 125          |
| Other Injuries, etc. ..  | 346                 | 39           | 2,570                      | 280          | 481                | 59           |
| Operations (original disability not stated) ..                       | 6                   | 3            | 88                         | 5            | 39                 | 4            |
| Other (including not stated) ..                                      | 16                  | 4            | 91                         | 26           | 28                 | 7            |
| <b>TOTAL:</b>  | <b>3,658</b>        | <b>1,099</b> | <b>27,543</b>              | <b>7,721</b> | <b>7,375</b>       | <b>2,471</b> |

8. TOTAL APPLICATIONS FOR BENEFIT AND CLAIMS REJECTED.

The total number of applicants for benefit whose claims were notified during the six months ended December, 1948, and of those whose claims were notified as rejected during the same period are shown in the table below:-

XVI. TOTAL APPLICATIONS FOR BENEFIT AND CLAIMS REJECTED - SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1948.

STATES

| State         | Unemployment  |              | Sickness      |              | Special      |            | Total         |               |                             |
|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------------|
|               | Total Claims  | Rejects      | Total Claims  | Rejects      | Total Claims | Rejects    | Total Claims  | Rejects       | Percentage Rejects to total |
| N.S.W. (a)    | 4,463         | 2,932        | 15,468        | 2,246        | 3,188        | 203        | 23,119        | 5,381         | 23.28                       |
| Vic.          | 272           | 105          | 10,189        | 1,678        | 2,442        | 200        | 12,903        | 1,983         | 15.37                       |
| Q'ld.         | 5,193         | 2,454        | 6,331         | 951          | 290          | 102        | 11,814        | 3,507         | 29.69                       |
| S.A. (b)      | 2,887         | 2,825        | 4,246         | 730          | 110          | 31         | 7,243         | 3,586         | 49.50                       |
| W.A.          | 757           | 286          | 3,803         | 578          | 585          | 50         | 5,145         | 914           | 17.76                       |
| Tas.          | 73            | 10           | 1,612         | 202          | 99           | 26         | 1,784         | 238           | 13.34                       |
| <b>TOTAL:</b> | <b>13,645</b> | <b>8,612</b> | <b>41,649</b> | <b>6,385</b> | <b>6,714</b> | <b>612</b> | <b>62,008</b> | <b>15,609</b> | <b>25.17</b>                |

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

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